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Please Support Urgent Action to Extend Clean Energy Tax Incentives

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell, Madam Speaker and Minority Leader Boehner:

As a coalition of businesses, construction companies, environmental organizations, investors, labor, nongovernmental organizations, public health organizations, religious organizations, states, trade associations and utilities we write to urge you to do everything you can to ensure prompt enactment, with significant bipartisan support, of extensions of federal tax incentives that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. **These vitally important tax incentives have expired or will expire at the end of this year, and must be extended immediately to sustain one of the most rapidly expanding areas of the American economy.**

We urge you to work together to enact extensions of the clean energy tax incentives before Memorial Day. The delay in extending clean energy tax incentives is already discouraging investment decisions today for projects that will be completed in 2009 or later. According to a recent study by Navigant Consulting, **failure to promptly extend renewable energy tax incentives places at risk 116,000 jobs in the wind and solar industries and more than \$19 billion in clean energy investment.**

The incentives that need to be extended are the renewable energy production tax credit, clean renewable energy bonds, efficient commercial buildings tax deduction, investment tax credit for solar and fuel cell systems, tax credit for energy efficiency upgrades to existing homes, tax credits for the production of efficient home appliances, tax credit for construction of efficient new homes, and tax incentives for consumer purchases of energy efficient products.

The clean energy tax incentives play a vital role in creating new high-wage American jobs, spurring economic growth, promoting consumer purchases of energy efficient products, lowering energy bills for consumers and businesses, and of course reducing

global warming pollution. The incentives also help the U.S. catch up with other countries on the development and deployment of clean energy technologies.

Every day that passes without an extension takes a toll on jobs and investment in clean energy projects. The clean energy technology industries have been plagued by a boom and bust cycle caused by erratic and short-term extensions of the clean energy tax incentives. If these incentives are not extended by Memorial Day, we risk a major contraction in the clean energy industries that have been a bright spot in the otherwise troubled economy and are essential to solving global warming. We urge you to do everything you can to avoid such an unfortunate outcome by working together to enact extensions of the incentives by Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

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Alliance to Save Energy	D.H. Blattner & Sons, Inc
Alliant Energy	Direct Methanol Fuel Cell Corporation
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy	The Dow Chemical Company
American Institute of Architects	DTE Energy
American Wind Energy Association	Duke Energy
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Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	Edison Electric Institute
AWS Truwind, LLC	Edison Mission Energy
AES Wind Generation	EMJ Corporation
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Ballard Power Systems	Energy Unlimited, Inc.
Bloom Energy	Environment America
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BP Alternative Energy	Environmental and Energy Study Institute
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California Energy Commission	Exelon Corporation
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Interwest Energy Alliance
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League of Women Voters of the United States
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Methanol Institute
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company
Millennium Cell Inc.
Mortenson Construction
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Grid
National Hydropower Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Tribal Environmental Council
National Venture Capital Association
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Noble Environmental Power
Northeast Public Power Association
NorthWestern Energy
Oil Change International
Pacific Winds Inc.
PG&E Corporation
Pepco Holdings, Inc.
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Plug Power Inc.

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Portland General Electric
PPL Corporation
PPM Energy, Inc.
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PPG Industries
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Puget Sound Energy
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ReliOn
Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.
Renewable Northwest Project
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Sempra Energy
SGL Carbon Group
Siemens Corporation
Sierra Club
Sierra Pacific Resources
Signal Wind Energy, LLC
Solar Energy Industries Association (on behalf of more than 700 member companies)
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern California Edison
Southwest Windpower
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